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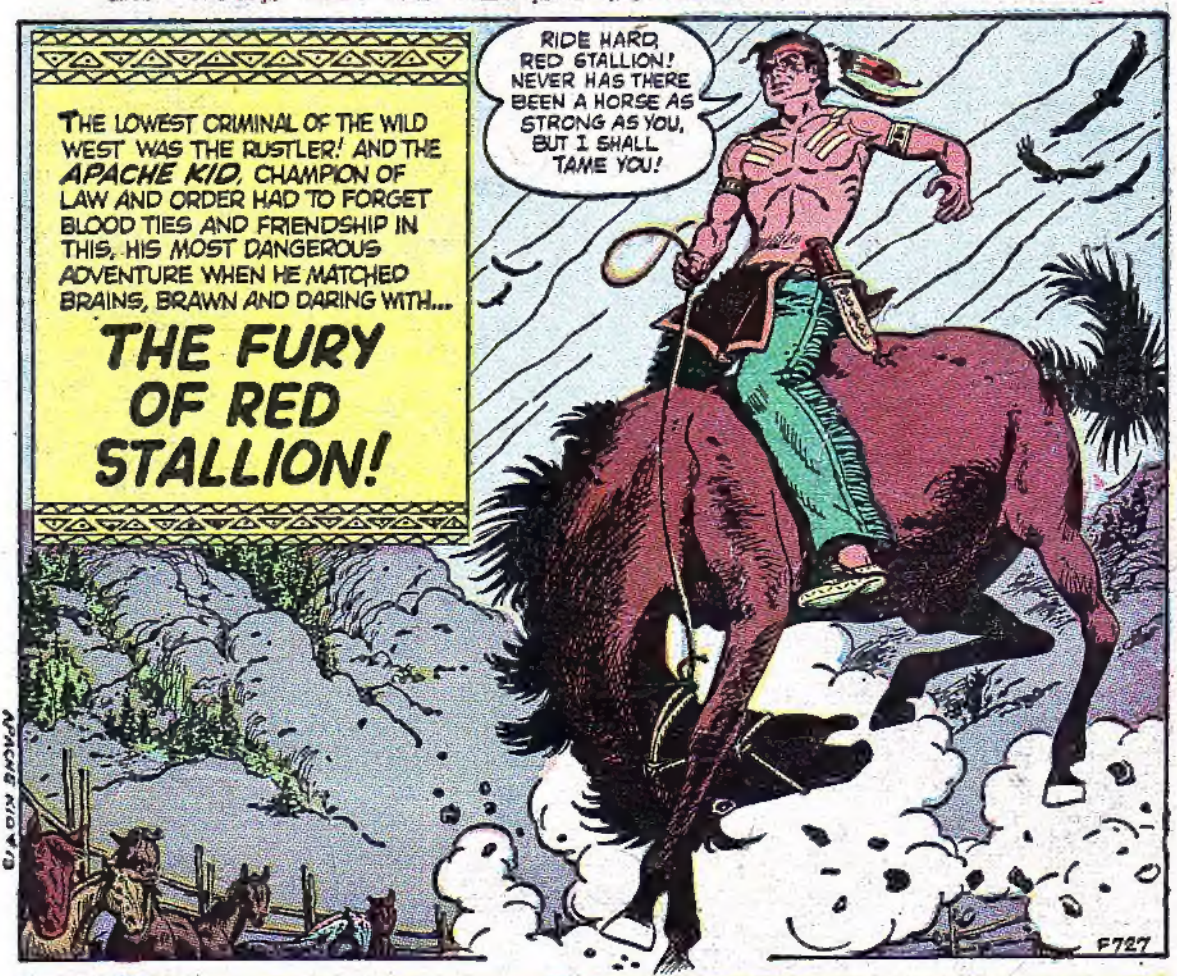
THE LOWEST CRIMINAL OF THE WILD WEST WAS THE RUSTLER! AND THE APACHE KID, CHAMPION OF LAW AND ORDER HAD TO FORGET BLOOD TIES AND FRIENDSHIP IN THIS, HIS MOST DANGEROUS ADVENTURE WHEN HE MATCHED BRAINS, BRAWN AND DARING WITH...
THE FURY OF RED STALLION!
RIDE HARD, RED STALLION! NEVER HAS THERE BEEN A HORSE AS STRONG AS YOU, BUT I SHALL TAME YOU!
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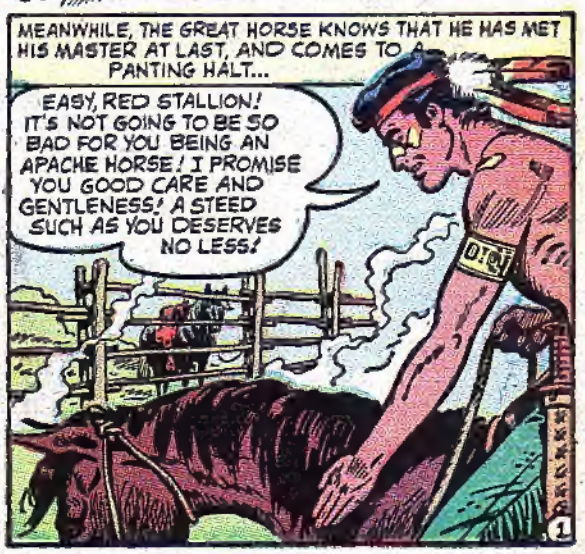
MIGHTY PURTY, AIN'T IT?
YUP! AND MIGHTY SMART...WAITIN' FOR THE APACHE KID TO BREAK GOOD HOSSES FOR HIS TRIBE AND THEN RUSTLIN' THEM!
AND MIGHTY DANGEROUS, TOO... IF HE EVER CATCHES ON!


MEANWHILE, THE GREAT HORSE KNOWS THAT HE HAS MET HIS MASTER AT LAST, AND COMES TO A PANTING HALT...
EASY, RED STALLION! IT'S NOT GOING TO BE SO BAD FOR YOU BEING AN APACHE HORSE! I PROMISE YOU GOOD CARE AND GENTLENESS! A STEED SUCH AS YOU DESERVES NO LESS!
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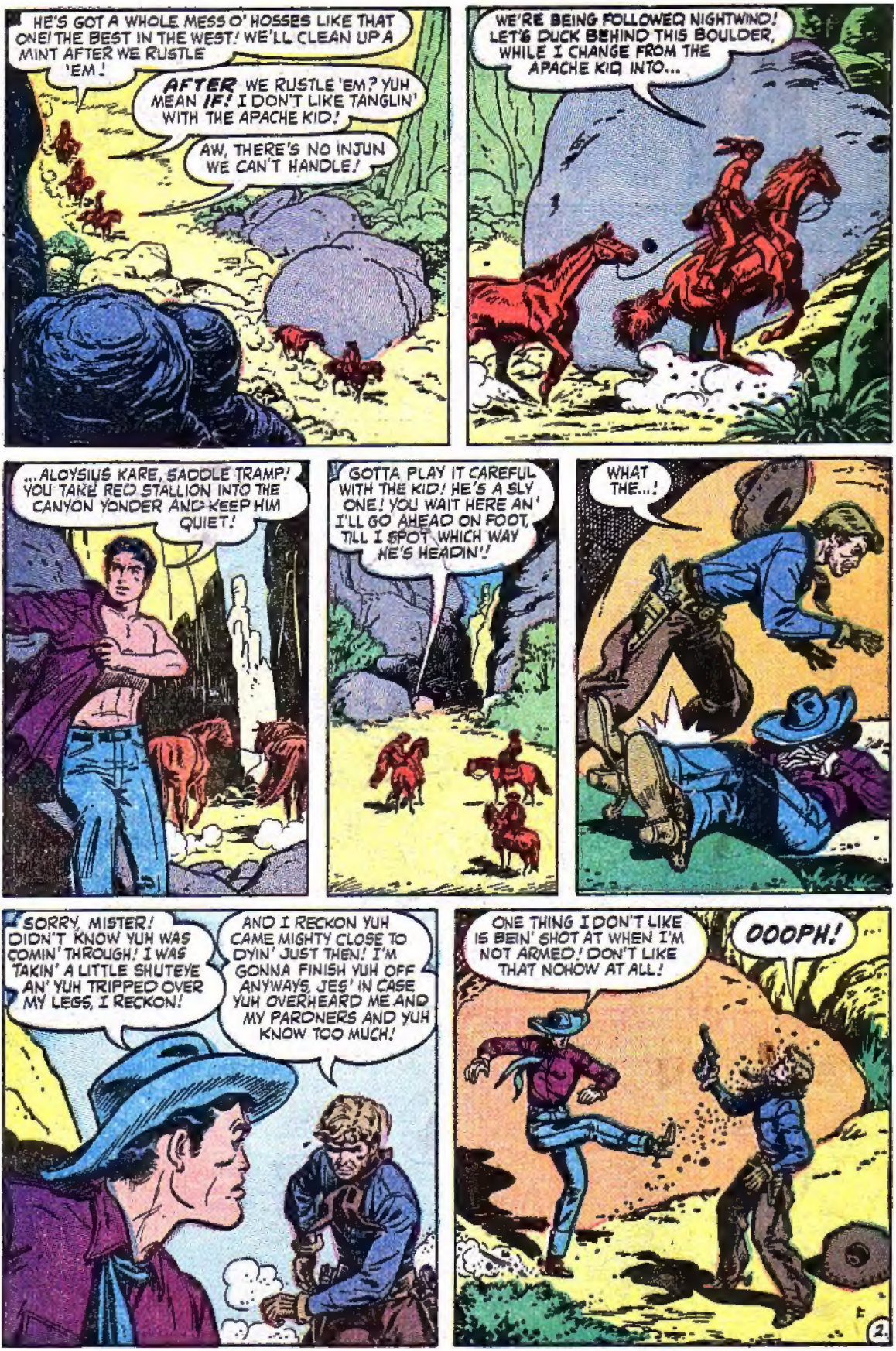
HE'S GOT A WHOLE MESS O' HOSSES LIKE THAT ONE! THE BEST IN THE WEST! WE'LL CLEAN UP A MINT AFTER WE RUSTLE 'EM!
AFTER WE RUSTLE 'EM? YUH MEAN IF! I DON'T LIKE TANGLIN' WITH THE APACHE KID!
AW, THERE'S NO INJUN WE CAN'T HANDLE!
WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED NIGHTWIND! LET'S DUCK BEHIND THIS BOULDER, WHILE I CHANGE FROM THE APACHE KID INTO...
...ALOYSIUS KARE, SADDLE TRAMP! YOU TAKE RED STALLION INTO THE CANYON YONDER AND KEEP HIM QUIET!
GOTTA PLAY IT CAREFUL WITH THE KID! HE'S A SLY ONE! YOU WAIT HERE AN' I'LL GO AHEAD ON FOOT, TILL I SPOT WHICH WAY HE'S HEADIN'!
WHAT THE...!
SORRY, MISTER! DIDN'T KNOW YUH WAS COMIN' THROUGH! I WAS TAKIN' A LITTLE SHUTEYE AN' YUH TRIPPED OVER MY LEGS, I RECKON!
AND I RECKON YUH CAME MIGHTY CLOSE TO DYIN' JUST THEN! I'M GONNA FINISH YUH OFF ANYWAYS, JES' IN CASE YUH OVERHEARD ME AND MY PARDNERS AND YUH KNOW TOO MUCH!
ONE THING I DON'T LIKE IS BEIN' SHOT AT WHEN I'M NOT ARMED! DON'T LIKE THAT NOHOW AT ALL!
OOOPH!
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ALL RIGHT, HOMBRE! REACH!
RECKON YUH GOT ME!
YUH SAW THE APACHE KID COME THROUGH HERE! WHICH WAY'D HE GO?
THATAWAY!
JUD, TIE THIS SADDLE TRAMP UP AND WATCH HIM! IF HE'S LYIN', WE'LL COME BACK!
WHO'S THIS APACHE KID AND WHY'RE YUH SCARED OF HIM, MISTER?
RECKON YOU'RE A STRANGER IN THESE PARTS, IF YUH AIN'T HEARD OF THE APACHE KID!
HE'S REAL BAD FOR THEM THAT CROSSES HIM! EVERY TIME GUYS LIKE MIKE TRY TO PULL SOMETHING, THE KID PUTS A HALT TO 'EM!
IS THAT SO?
YUP! ONLY THIS TIME IT LOOKS LIKE MIKE AND US IS GONNA DO ALL RIGHT! WE'LL TAKE THE KID'S WHOLE HERD AWAY FROM HIM!
YUH DON'T SAY!
YUP AND... YIPE! THE APACHE KID!
PALEFACE EVEN MORE PALE THAN USUAL! COME! THE CHIEFTAINS WOULD HOLD A POWWOW OVER YOU AND THE OTHER RUSTLERS!
I TOLD 'EM IT COULDN'T BE DONE!
WE SHALL SEE! YOUR COMRADES HAVE FOUND THE CORRAL! NOW THERE SHALL BE ALL THE TROUBLE ANY RUSTLER CAN ASK FOR!

COME ON, YOU CRITTERS! GET MOVIN'! YUH GOT NEW BOSSES NOW AND WE KNOW HOW TO HANDLE YUH!
YEOW! HE'S GOIN' LOCO!
STOP HIM! I'LL BE KILLED!
PLUNGING SWIFTLY, NIGHTWIND BRINGS HIS MASTER CLOSE TO THE ENRAGED STALLION!
I SHALL HAVE TO LET YOU FREE...FOR NOW! BUT I CANNOT HALT THE FURY OF RED STALLION!
MIKE! LOOK! IT'S THE RED STALLION!
AND THE APACHE KID! GOOD! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO CAPTURE ONE AND GET RID OF THE OTHER FOR GOOD!
THE STALLION'S COMIN' RIGHT AT US! HE'S GOT FURY IN HIS EYES! I'LL HAVE TO PLUG HIM!
YOU DO AN' I'LL PLUG YOU! HE'S WORTH A FORTUNE! I'LL STOP HIM!
SEE? IT'S EASY WHEN YUH KNOW HOW!
YEOW!
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AT THAT SAME MOMENT, THE APACHES COME UPON THE SCENE...
RUSTLERS! OUR HORSES ARE RUNNING WILD!
GATHER THEM IN, MY BROTHERS! VENGEANCE BELONGS TO ME AND THE RED STALLION!

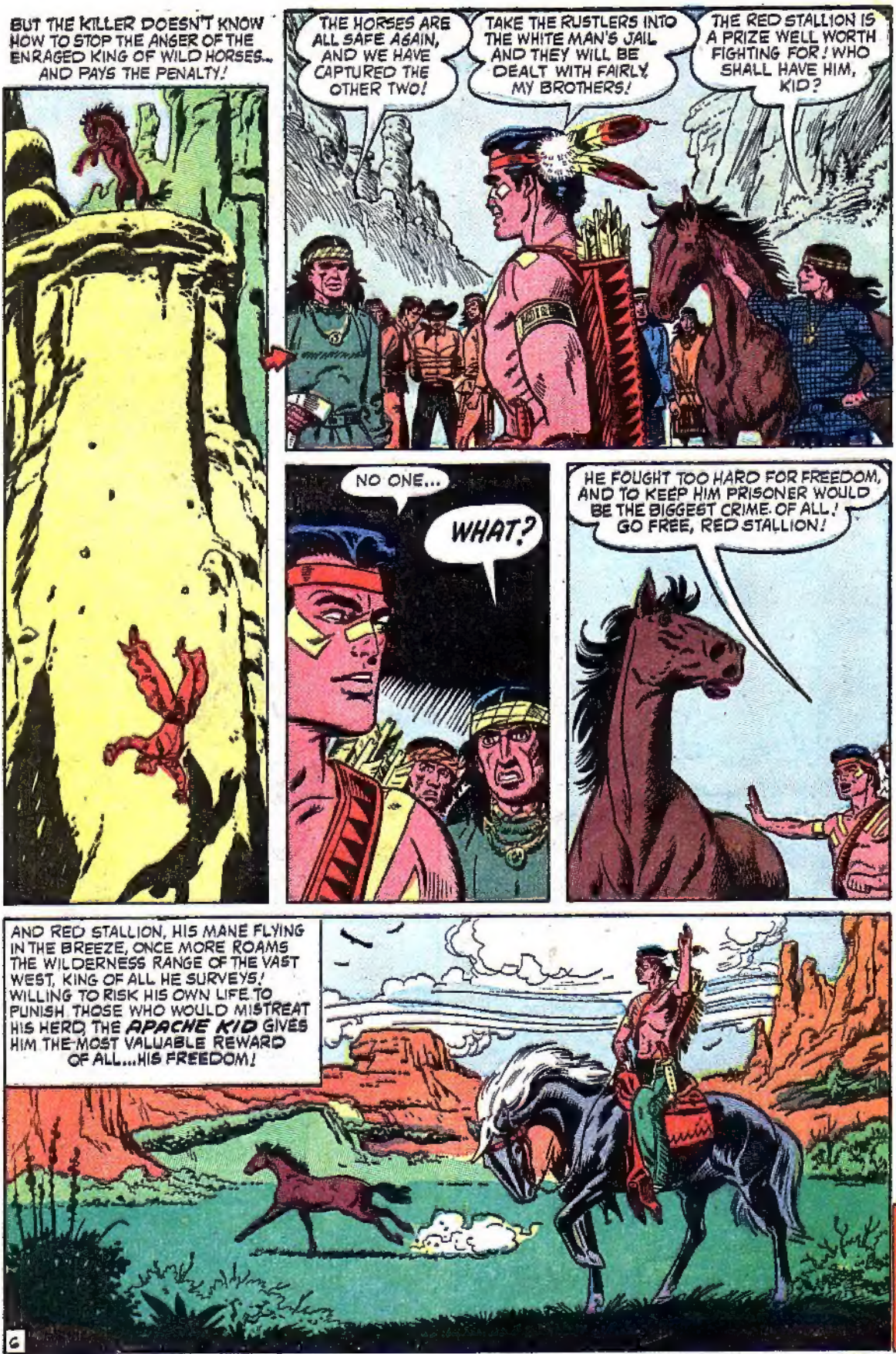
PETE! DON'T LEAVE ME! HELP ME!
HELP YOURSELF, MIKE! I GOT NO TIME TO HANG AROUND AND ARGUE WITH THAT HOSS AND A WILD INJUN!

YOU ARE NOT ESCAPING, MY FRIEND!

I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL THAT CRITTER... BUT NOW I HAVE TO! HE'S NOT GETTIN' ME!

ULP!
YOU FORGET... I, TOO, AM ON YOUR TRAIL! NOW SEE IF YOU CAN FACE THE FURY OF RED STALLION! SPEAK SOFTLY AND HE ACTS GENTLY.- BUT YOU CANNOT DO THAT, CAN YOU?

BUT ONLY SCREAMS COME FROM THE LIPS OF THE HORSE THIEF, AS THE GREAT HORSE CHARGES ON WITH THUNDERING HOOFS!
I'LL KILL YUH, YUH RED DEVIL!


BUT THE KILLER DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO STOP THE ANGER OF THE ENRAGED KING OF WILD HORSES... AND PAYS THE PENALTY!
THE HORSES ARE ALL SAFE AGAIN, AND WE HAVE CAPTURED THE OTHER TWO!
TAKE THE RUSTLERS INTO THE WHITE MAN'S JAIL AND THEY WILL BE DEALT WITH FAIRLY, MY BROTHERS!
THE RED STALLION IS A PRIZE WELL WORTH FIGHTING FOR! WHO SHALL HAVE HIM, KID?
NO ONE...
WHAT?
HE FOUGHT TOO HARD FOR FREEDOM, AND TO KEEP HIM PRISONER WOULD BE THE BIGGEST CRIME OF ALL! GO FREE, RED STALLION!
AND RED STALLION, HIS MANE FLYING IN THE BREEZE, ONCE MORE ROAMS THE WILDERNESS RANGE OF THE VAST WEST, KING OF ALL HE SURVEYS! WILLING TO RISK HIS OWN LIFE TO PUNISH THOSE WHO WOULD MISTREAT HIS HERD, THE APACHE KID GIVES HIM THE MOST VALUABLE REWARD OF ALL...HIS FREEDOM!
THE END

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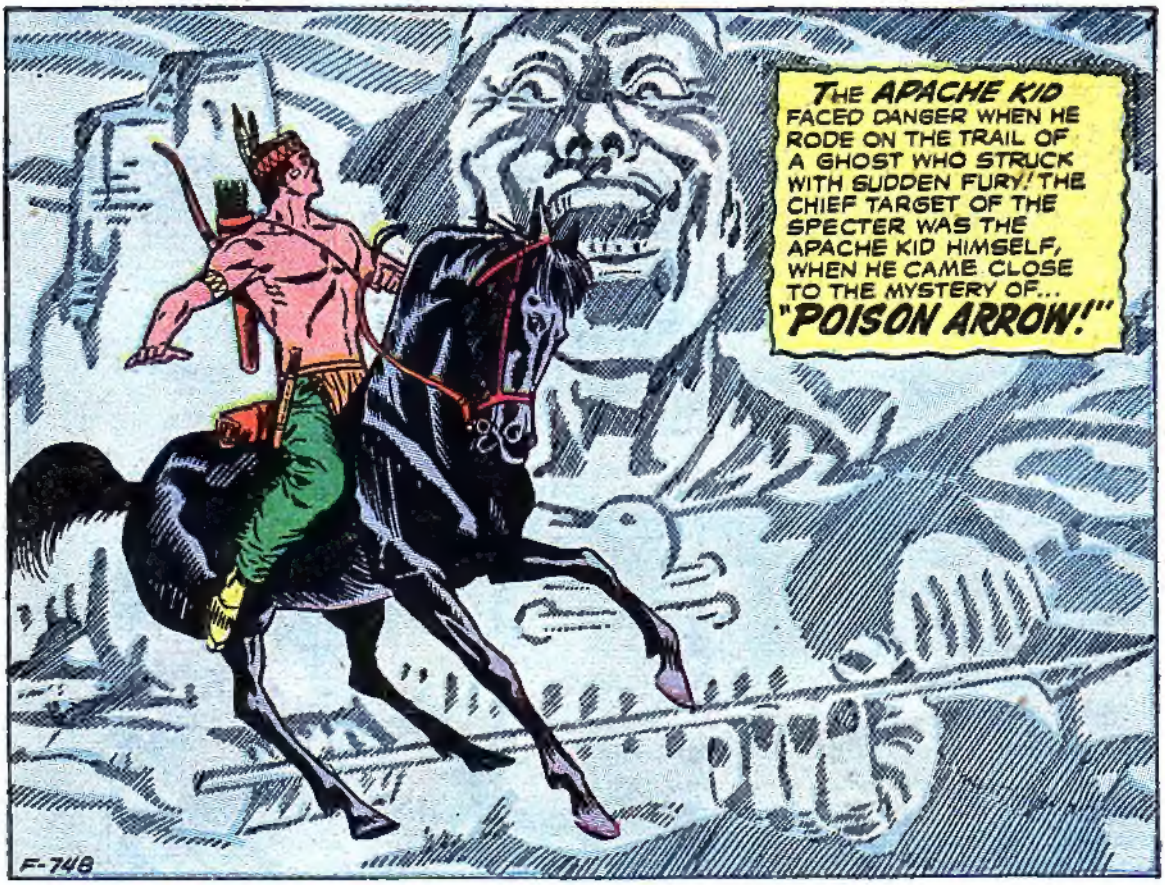
THE APACHE KID FACED DANGER WHEN HE RODE ON THE TRAIL OF A GHOST WHO STRUCK WITH SUDDEN FURY! THE CHIEF TARGET OF THE SPECTER WAS THE APACHE KID HIMSELF, WHEN HE CAME CLOSE TO THE MYSTERY OF... "POISON ARROW!"
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RIDE, NIGHTWIND! THE TRIBE MEETS AROUND THE COUNCIL FIRST! THERE IS LIGHTNING IN THE WORDS OF THE MEDICINE MAN... AND DANGER ERUPTS FROM HIS LIPS AS LAVA FROM A VOLCANO!

THERE HE IS... THE CAUSE OF ALL OUR TROUBLES! SEIZE HIM BEFORE POISON ARROW KILLS US ALL!
I COME AS A FRIEND TO THE MIGHTY POWWOW OF OUR NATION! WHY DO YOU TURN ON ME AS AN ENEMY?

DO NOT BE MISLED BY HIS WORDS, WHICH HAVE THE CUNNING OF A FOX! I, WAMPU, SPEAK THE COMMANDS OF THE BEARER OF THE POISON ARROW! WHEN THE APACHE KID DIES, OUR DAYS SHALL KNOW PEACE!
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I DO NOT BATTLE MY OWN BROTHERS WHEN I KNOW THEY ATTACK ME IN ERROR! SO... I SURRENDER! BUT I MUST KNOW OF WHAT I AM ACCUSED!
SUCH AS YOU DESERVE NO EXPLANATION! YOU WILL BE PLACED ON THE MOUNTAIN TO WAIT FOR THE EAGLES, WHO WILL DESTROY YOU!
I WANT ONLY YOUR WORD THAT YOU SHALL NOT ESCAPE THE DEATH WE, YOUR CHIEFS, HAVE ORDAINED FOR YOU!
I GIVE YOU MY WORD THAT THE APACHE KID SHALL NOT ESCAPE FROM THE MOUNTAIN!
AND SO, CONDEMNED FOR A REASON HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND, THE APACHE KID CLIMBS THE TRAIL OF NO RETURN...
THERE HE STANDS, TRUE TO HIS WORD! WHEN THE EAGLES SCREECH, WE WILL KNOW HE IS NO MORE! THEN POISON ARROW SHALL LEAVE US IN PEACE!
SO SAYS WAMPU! BUT IT SHALL BE A SAD DAY WHEN THE APACHE KID IS GONE!
APACHE KID GAVE HIS WORD NOT TO TRY TO ESCAPE... BUT THAT DOESN'T GO FOR ALOYSIUS KARE!
PALEFACE! WHERE YOU COME FROM?
THAT'S NOT THE POINT, MISTER! THE POINT IS I'M GOING! I SAW A MESS O' EAGLES BACK YONDER, AND THEY LOOKED PURTY MAD ABOUT SOMETHING!
THEN THE APACHE KID IS DEAD! NOW I CAN REPORT TO POISON ARROW THAT ALL IS AS HE COMMANDED!
C'MON, NIGHTWIND! THIS IS ONE POWWOW WE'RE SITTIN' IN ON!

NOW THE SILENT CHASE BEGINS, AS THE LIGHT-FOOTED NIGHTWIND BEARS HIS MASTER ON THE TRAIL OF THE MEDICINE MAN...
BUT, CAREFUL AND SLY THOUGH KARE IS, THERE IS ONE WHO IS EVEN MORE SHREWD AND ALERT... AND WHO JOINS IN ON THE CHASE...
POISON ARROW! I AM HERE TO TELL YOU THE APACHE KID IS NO MORE! HE HAS DIED THE SUDDEN DEATH OF THE EAGLES! POISON ARROW! WHERE ARE YOU?
POISON ARROW! OHHHH!
I AM BEHIND YOU... WHERE I CAN SEE YOU'VE LED A PALEFACE ENEMY INTO MY PLACE OF HIDING!
YOU GO YOUR WAY AN' I'LL GO MINE, PARDNER! WE MAKE TOO GOOD A TARGET STICKIN' TOGETHER!
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE POISON ARROW, PALEFACE!
THESE BULLETS ARE NOTHIN' TO SNEEZE AT, MISTER ARROW, WHOEVER YOU ARE! THINK YOU CAN COME PAST 'EM? TRY!
SAVE ME, COWBOY!
THE POISON... SOON IT WILL REACH MY HEART!
SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT WHEN YUH STARTED PLAYIN' WITH POISON, MISTER!
BUT I CAN'T LET ANY MAN DIE LIKE THAT! NIGHTWIND'LL TAKE YUH TO A MEDICINE MAN OF MY PEOPLE! DON'T STOP FOR ANYTHING! I'LL KEEP THIS POISON ARROW BUSY AS LONG AS I CAN!
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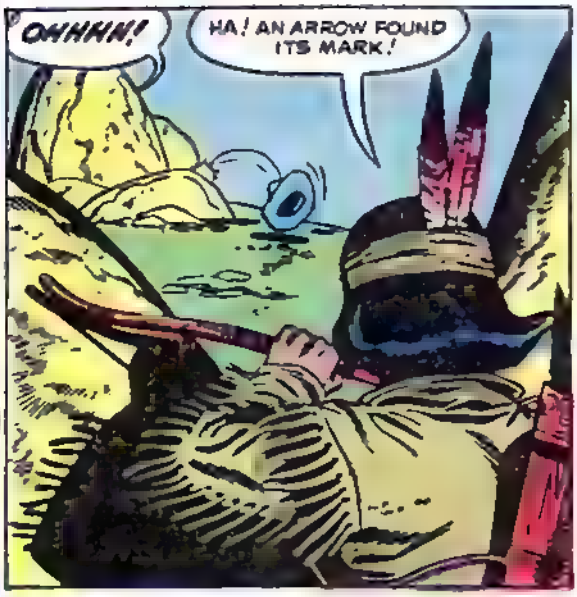
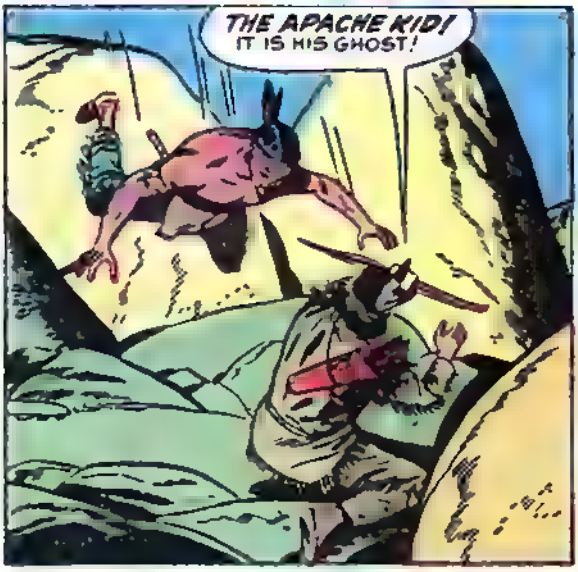
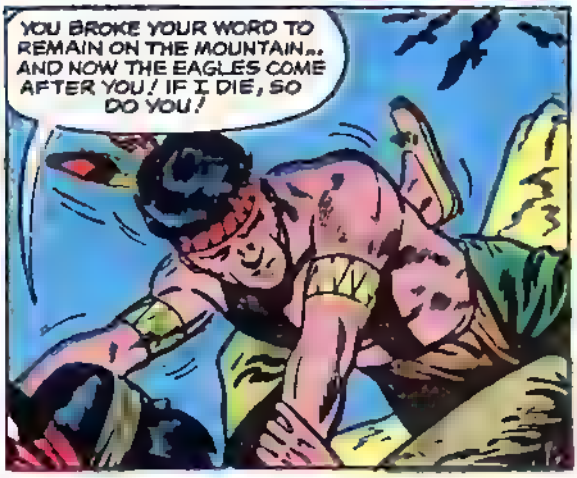
IT IS WRITTEN THAT NO WHITE MAN CAN DESTROY THE POWER OF POISON ARROW! ONLY ONE COULD HAVE DONE THAT... THE APACHE KID... AND HE IS DEAD!
YUH DON'T SAY!

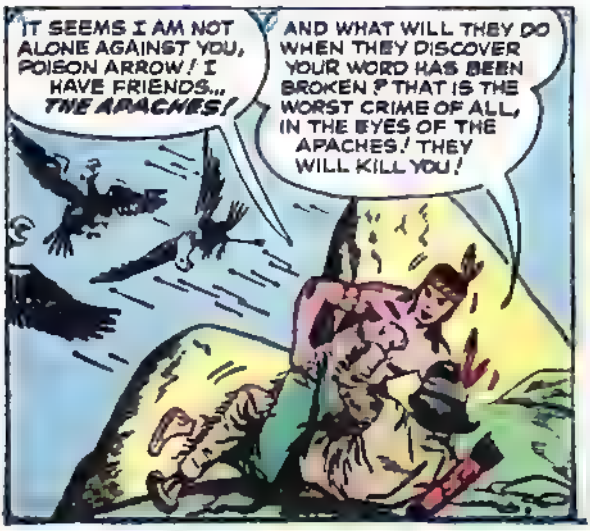




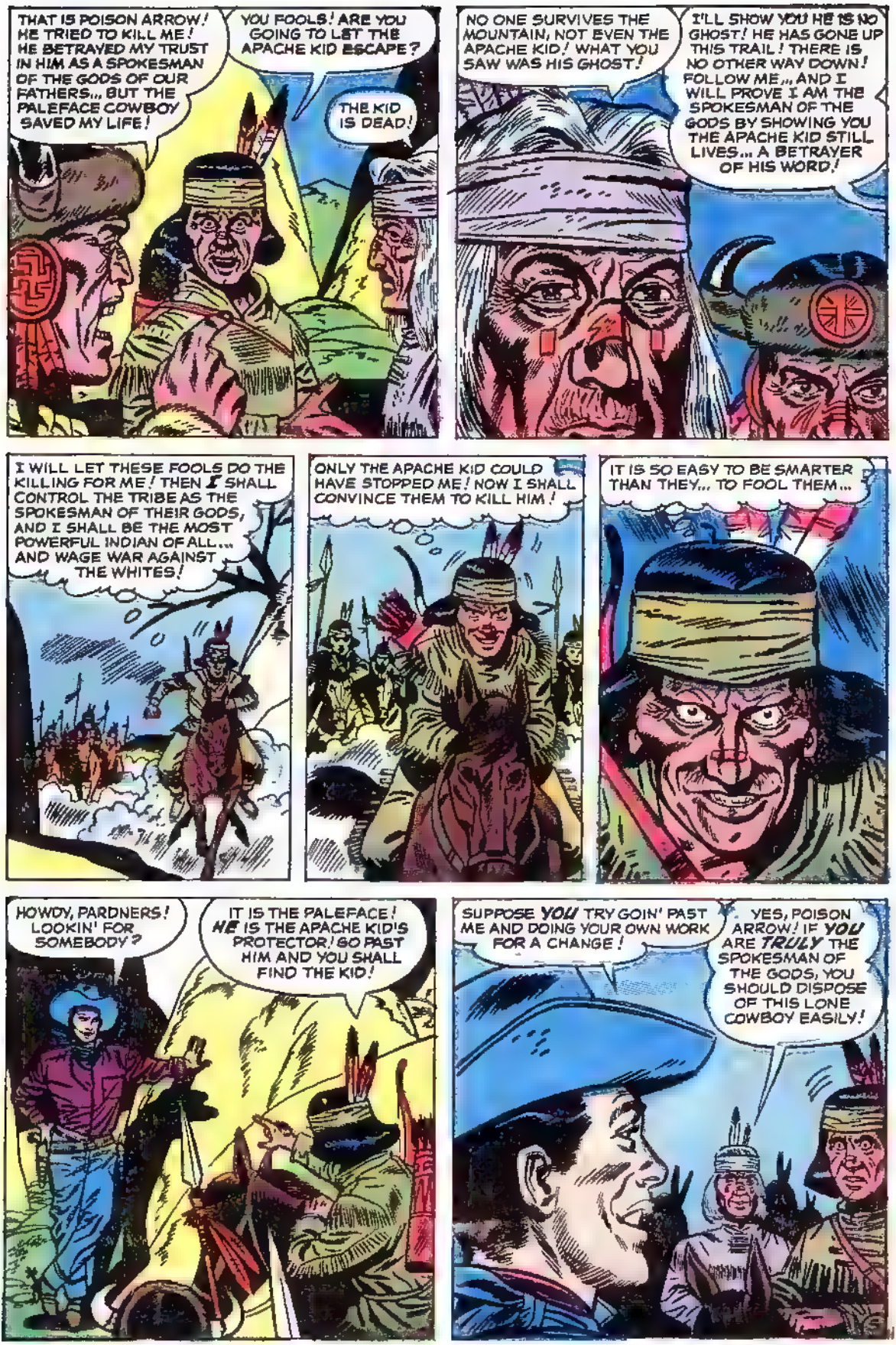
THE EAGLES OF THE MOUNTAIN, DISTURBED AT THEIR REST BY THE INVASION OF THEIR CRAGGY HOME, SWEEP DOWN INTO THE VALLEY TOWARD THE COMMOTION...

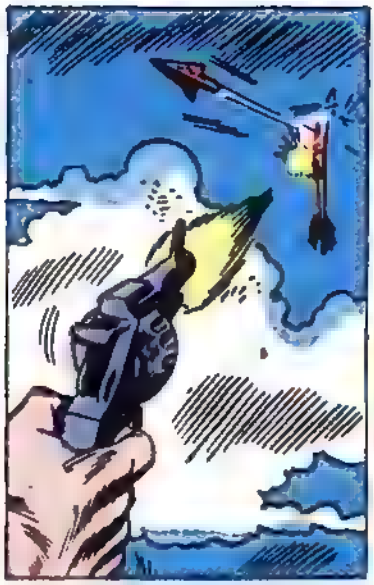


BUT A SPRAY OF ARROWS CATCHES THE ANGRY BIRDS ON THE WING!


IT SEEMS I AM NOT ALONE AGAINST YOU, POISON ARROW! I HAVE FRIENDS... THE APACHES!
AND WHAT WILL THEY DO WHEN THEY DISCOVER YOUR WORD HAS BEEN BROKEN? THAT IS THE WORST CRIME OF ALL, IN THE EYES OF THE APACHES! THEY WILL KILL YOU!

ON COME THE APACHES, LED BY THE WOUNDED WAMPU... AND THE KID KNOWS THAT POISON ARROW SPEAKS THE TRUTH... THAT, NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON FOR BREAKING HIS WORD, THE PUNISHMENT IS DEATH!

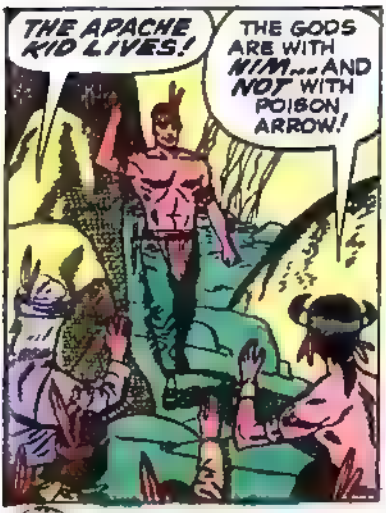

THAT IS POISON ARROW! HE TRIED TO KILL ME! HE BETRAYED MY TRUST IN HIM AS A SPOKESMAN OF THE GODS OF OUR FATHERS... BUT THE PALEFACE COWBOY SAVED MY LIFE!
YOU FOOLS! ARE YOU GOING TO LET THE APACHE KID ESCAPE?
THE KID IS DEAD!
NO ONE SURVIVES THE MOUNTAIN, NOT EVEN THE APACHE KID! WHAT YOU SAW WAS HIS GHOST!
I'LL SHOW YOU HE IS NO GHOST! HE HAS GONE UP THIS TRAIL! THERE IS NO OTHER WAY DOWN! FOLLOW ME... AND I WILL PROVE I AM THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GODS BY SHOWING YOU THE APACHE KID STILL LIVES... A BETRAYER OF HIS WORD!
I WILL LET THESE FOOLS DO THE KILLING FOR ME! THEN I SHALL CONTROL THE TRIBE AS THE SPOKESMAN OF THEIR GODS, AND I SHALL BE THE MOST POWERFUL INDIAN OF ALL... AND WAGE WAR AGAINST THE WHITES!
ONLY THE APACHE KID COULD HAVE STOPPED ME! NOW I SHALL CONVINCE THEM TO KILL HIM!
IT IS SO EASY TO BE SMARTER THAN THEY... TO FOOL THEM...
HOWDY, PARDNERS! LOOKIN' FOR SOMEBODY?
IT IS THE PALEFACE! HE IS THE APACHE KID'S PROTECTOR! GO PAST HIM AND YOU SHALL FIND THE KID!
SUPPOSE YOU TRY GOIN' PAST ME AND DOING YOUR OWN WORK FOR A CHANGE!
YES, POISON ARROW! IF YOU ARE TRULY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GODS, YOU SHOULD DISPOSE OF THIS LONE COWBOY EASILY!



THE ARROW! IT'S GONE INTO MY SHOULDER! QUICK! TAKE ME TO A MEDICINE MAN! I AM NO SPOKESMAN OF THE GODS! I CAN DIE! THIS WAS ALL A SCHEME TO CONTROL THE APACHE TRIBE! SAVE ME! TAKE OUT THE POISON!
HEARD ENOUGH, APACHES?
WE HEAR!

WE SHALL CURE HIM AND SAVE HIM FOR THE COURTS OF THE WHITE MAN! BUT HOW CAN WE CURE WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR BROTHER... THE APACHE KID?
KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE MOUNTAIN! I'VE GOT A FEELING THE KID'S A HARD MAN FOR EVEN EAGLES TO KILL! ADIOS!

AND A LITTLE LATER, DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN COMES THE FABULOUS APACHE KID...



FORGIVE ME, APACHE KID, FOR TURNING AGAINST YOU! I BELIEVED THE WORD OF POISON ARROW... INSTEAD OF HAVING FAITH IN YOU, OUR BROTHER!
YOU ARE FORGIVEN, WAMPU!

REMEMBER BUT ONE THING, MY PEOPLE... EVERY MAN SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO SPEAK UP FOR HIS INNOCENCE BEFORE HE IS CONDEMNED FOR A CRIME! THAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS GREAT LAND OF OURS, WHETHER WE ARE REDMEN OR WHITE!
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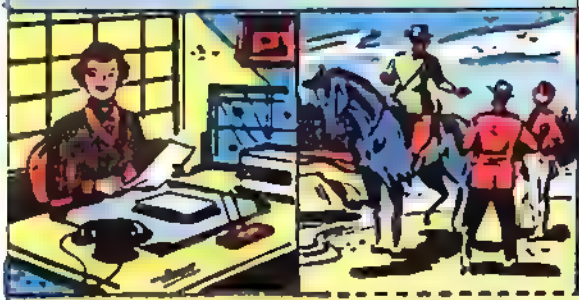

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CHAUNCEY R. DePew Van Smythe, on his two-seater wagon with yellow fringe, rambled into Lone Gulch, Montana, on a day when just about every able-bodied man and boy in town were out after the rustlers, so only the womenfolk were around to see his city manners.

"Why, that stylish rig must be the latest thing from Chicago, and the way he dresses is so smart-lookin' . . . why, there isn't a speck of dirt anywhere," the sheriff's wife said to her husband that evening. "*You* never dress up that way . . . only on Sunday! You should take an example from that Mr. Van Smythe." So it was just natural that Sheriff Wilson wasn't too eager to have C. R. DeP. Van Smythe around setting examples like that for him and all the other men in town.

But Chauncey was nearly forgotten the next day by Sheriff Wilson and the men, when a rider from the Carey ranch galloped up to the Sheriff's office with the news that 50 more head of cattle had just been rustled off the north range.

"This makes nearly 400 head this month," the sheriff reported to his deputies, who were hastily called in.

"And we've just been lucky so far," Deputy Wade offered, "that they haven't found the prize steers that we're gonna send to market next month! Why, if them rustlers ever found out that those 200 head of top-grade beef are hidin' out up in Brady's south ridge, I'll bet every rancher in the valley would stand to lose! We've all got cattle up there."

"I'm afraid it's just a matter of time," the sheriff gloomily predicted. "They've hit every ranch in this territory . . . but there must be some way we can stop them!"

A quiet voice then came from the direction of the screen door. "Excuse me, gentlemen," it began, "may I introduce myself. I am Chauncey R. DePew Van Smythe. I couldn't help overhearing your conversation, and noting your anxiety. It has been my pleasure and privilege to have worked in close conjunction with Sheriff Bainbridge in Boonetown, Colorado, on a similar rustling case, and if I could offer my humble services to you, I would deem it an honor to be of assistance!"

While Chauncey waited with his silver-gray Stetson in his hand, Sheriff Wilson and his men were still staring. And it wasn't only Chauncey's fancy talk that made them all speechless, it was his whole costume. His silver-gray breeches must have been pressed that very morning, and his shirt didn't have a wrinkle in the collar. His boots were all hand-embossed and the silver spurs sparkled in the sun. But most important of all . . . Chauncey wasn't wearing any guns, nor could a mark be seen below his leather belt where any guns were ever worn. It looked like a real gentleman had at last come to Lone Gulch.

The sheriff was the first to regain his voice and his manners. "Uh, come on in, Mr. Van Smythe. We'll try to explain the situation here . . ."

When Chauncey was finally seated, the others were quick to engage him in conversation. "I ain't seen fancy boot-works like that since I left St. Looey," Deputy Wade admitted. "I sure do admire 'em . . . and if you could be good enough to tell me where ya bought such beauties, I'd be mighty grateful."

"Why, that's mighty kind of you, Stranger," answered Van Smythe. "I obtained them in the Dakotas, where I have just spent a few weeks. There is a capable saddlery in a town not a day's ride from here, where I guarantee personally both the excellent work of the saddles and boots."

After some minutes of talk of this kind, Sheriff Wilson interrupted the conversation between Chauncey and the men with, "Now if ya don't mind cuttin' out this high-falutin' talk, we'll get back to the business at hand . . . *rustlin'!*" But just as Chauncey was about to tell them all about his experience with capturing outlaws in Colorado, a dinner bell rang; and reminded them all it was time to postpone the meeting until the next day. Sheriff Wilson, eager to learn more about a way the cattle could be saved, asked Chauncey to come to dinner with him and his wife.

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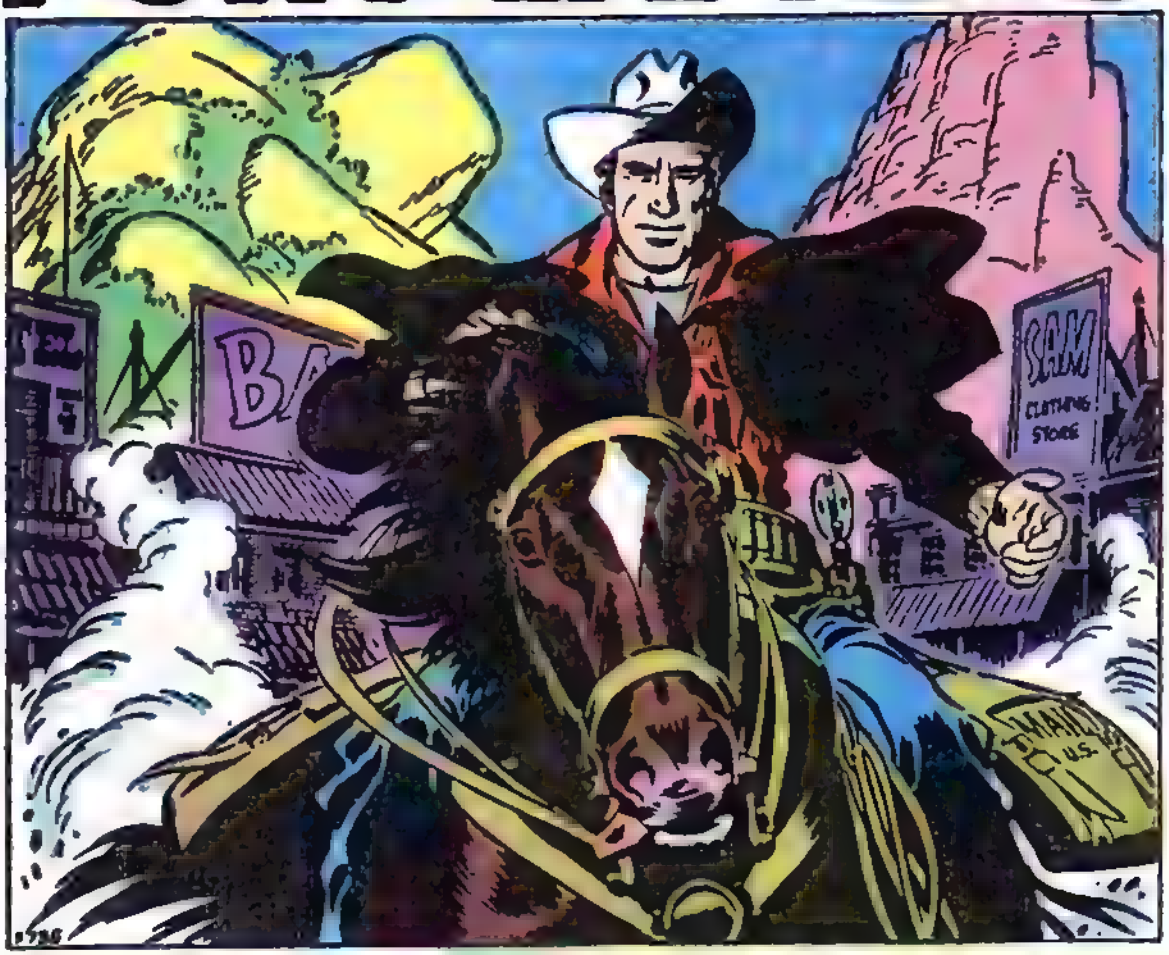
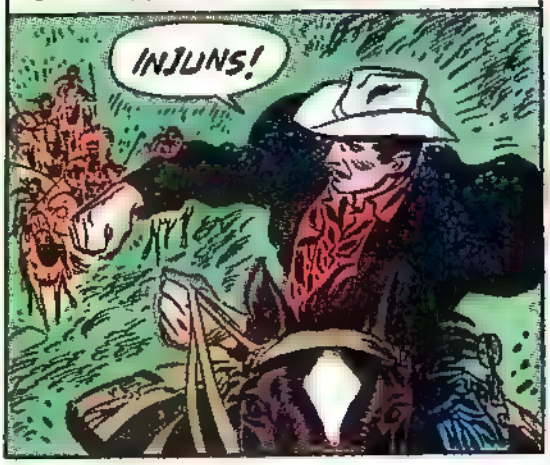


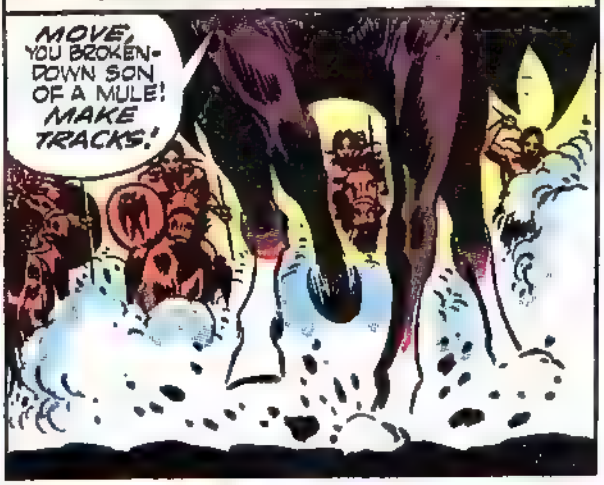
AFTER TWO HOURS OF RIDING, THE PURPLE HILLS HID ABILENE FROM SIGHT, AND JIM CLAY HAD LEFT THE BEATEN TRAIL...

ONLY HIS OWN SENSE OF DIRECTION AND HIS HORSE'S INSTINCT COULD GUIDE HIM NOW... FOR THERE WERE NO TRAILS THROUGH THE INDIAN COUNTRY... AND THERE WAS NOTHING BUT DANGER AND THE CONSTANT THREAT OF *SUDDEN DEATH!*

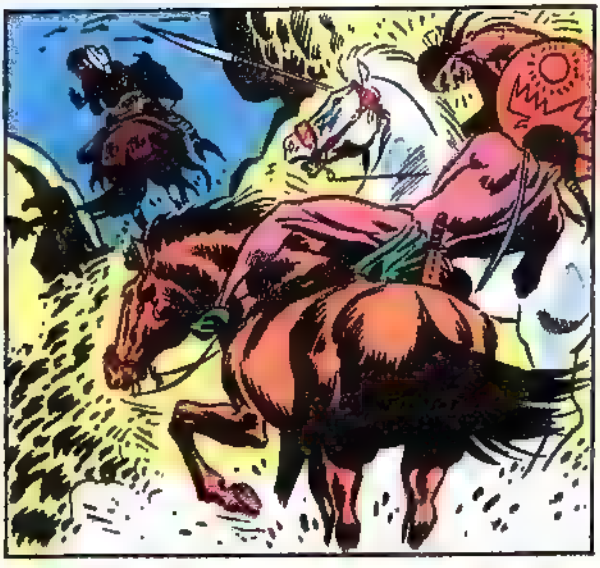
A MAN CAN'T SPEND ALL HIS YEARS ON THE UNTAMED FRONTIER AND NOT DEVELOP A SIXTH SENSE WHICH WARNS HIM OF DANGER! SOMETHING MADE JIM CLAY TURN IN HIS SADDLE...AND SEE...



ONE MAN AGAINST SIX WARRIORS! JIM SPURRED HIS PONY AND THEN GAVE IT ITS HEAD! HIS *LIFE* DEPENDED ON HIS MOUNT'S SURE-FOOTEDNESS!

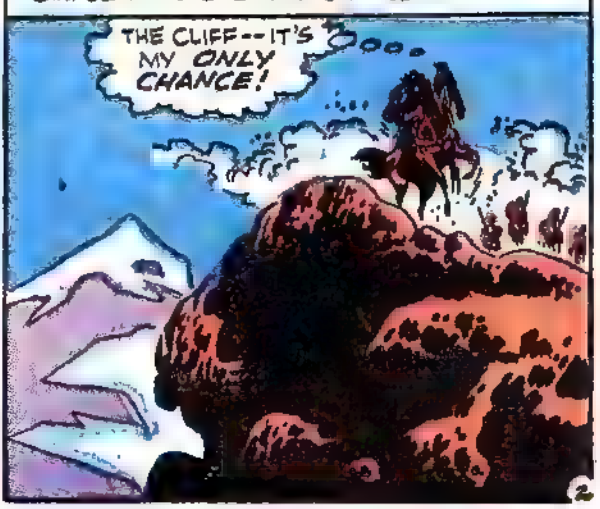


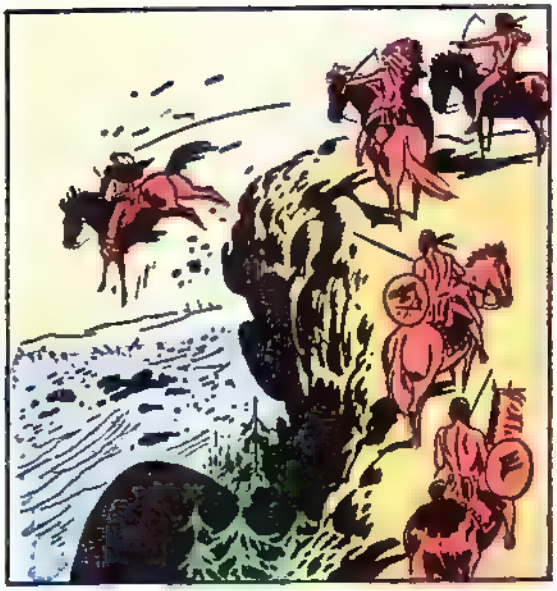
BESIDES BEING A GOOD HORSEMAN, A PONY EXPRESS RIDER HAD TO BE A CRACK SHOT, TOO! AND JIM CLAY HAD ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS ...

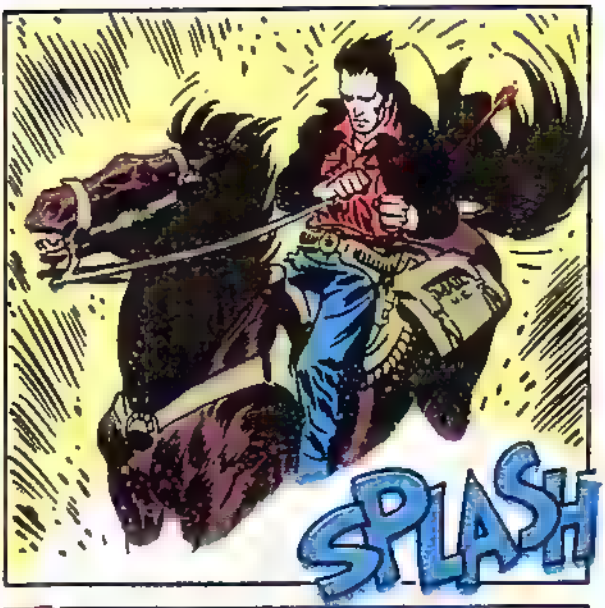


BUT EVEN A SHARPSHOOTER CAN BE DEFEATED BY OVERPOWERING ODDS ...

HIS ARM THROBBING WITH PAIN--- AND THE REMAINING FOUR WARRIORS GAINING STEADILY--- JIM CLAY HAD ONLY ONE CHANCE ...



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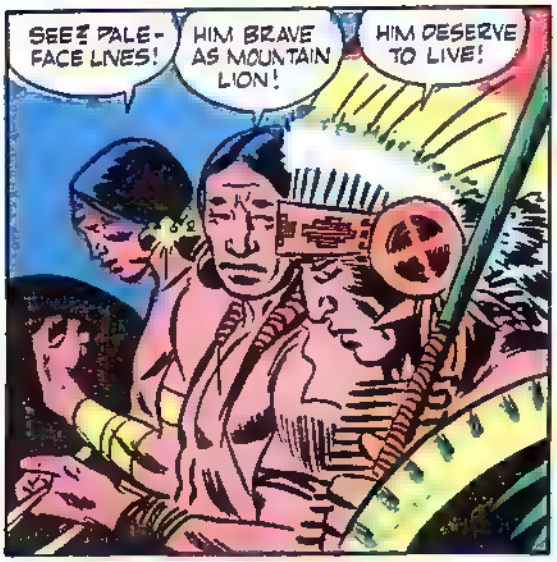
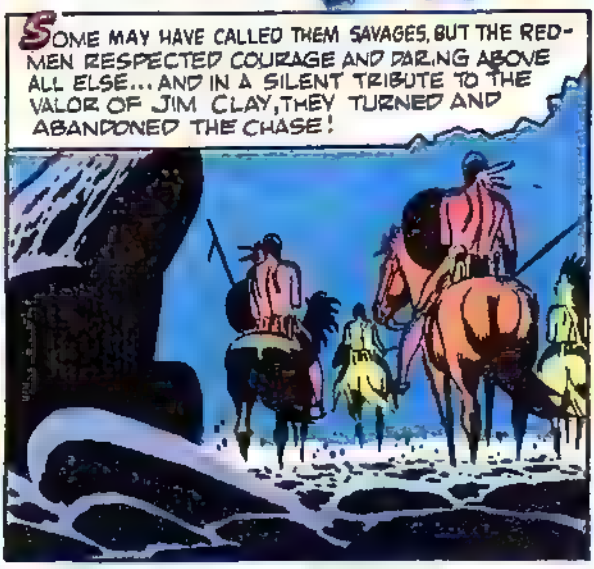
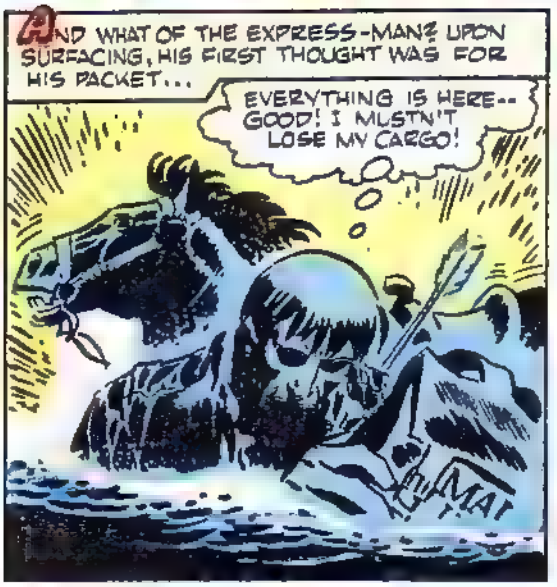
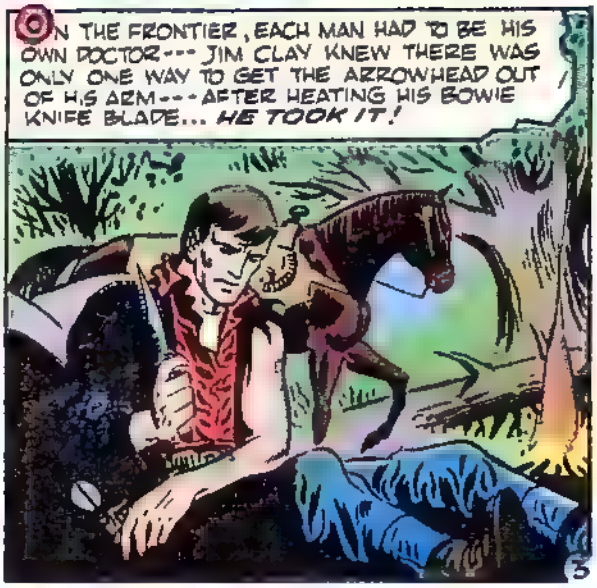

SEE? PALE-FACE LIVES!
HIM BRAVE AS MOUNTAIN LION!
HIM DESERVE TO LIVE!


SOME MAY HAVE CALLED THEM SAVAGES, BUT THE RED-MEN RESPECTED COURAGE AND DARING ABOVE ALL ELSE... AND IN A SILENT TRIBUTE TO THE VALOR OF JIM CLAY, THEY TURNED AND ABANDONED THE CHASE!


AND WHAT OF THE EXPRESS-MAN? UPON SURFACING, HIS FIRST THOUGHT WAS FOR HIS PACKET...
EVERYTHING IS HERE-- GOOD! I MUSTN'T LOSE MY CARGO!


ON THE FRONTIER, EACH MAN HAD TO BE HIS OWN DOCTOR--- JIM CLAY KNEW THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO GET THE ARROWHEAD OUT OF HIS ARM---AFTER HEATING HIS BOWIE KNIFE BLADE... HE TOOK IT!

A CLEAN, SPARE TOWEL SERVED AS A BANDAGE--HIS NECKERCHIEF FORMED A SLING--AND JIM CLAY WAS READY TO RIDE...
THE RIDE WAS UNEVENTFUL--UNTIL NIGHTFALL--
LOOKS LIKE TWO RIDERS UP AHEAD!
O.K., HOMBRE... HOLD IT! WE'VE BEEN A-WAITIN' FOR YA!
YEAH--TOSS US YOUR PACKET PEACEABLE-LIKE, AN' YA WON'T GIT HURT--TOO MUCH!
THERE WAS NO TIME TO SCHEME--TO PLAN... ONLY SECONDS TO ACT! AND JIM CLAY ACTED WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT---
YOU WANT IT? HERE!
NOW WE'LL PLAY IT MY WAY!
I'LL-- OWWW!
YOU'LL NOTHING!

NOW GIT OFF YOUR HOSS AND PICK UP MY PACKET... CAREFUL-LIKE!
O.K.--MOUNT UP! BOTH OF YOU! IT'LL BE KINDA NICE TO HAVE SOME COMPANY FOR THE REST OF THE RIDE!
LOOK--IT'S THE PONY EXPRESS RIDER... RIGHT ON TIME!
THEY'RE ALWAYS ON TIME--- THAT'S THEIR JOB!
SALOON
CAFE
HERE'S SOME BUSINESS FOR YA, SHERIFF!
THE YATES BROTHERS... WELL, WELL! BEEN LOOKIN' FOR THESE TWO BADDIES! THANKS, SON!
HE LOOKS PRETTY YOUNG TO BE A PONY EXPRESS RIDER!
YEAH--BUT THAT DON'T MEAN ANY-THING!
ANY KID COULD HANDLE THE JOB--- IT'S A SNAP!
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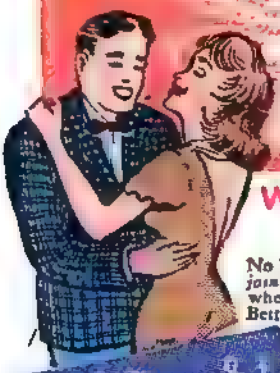

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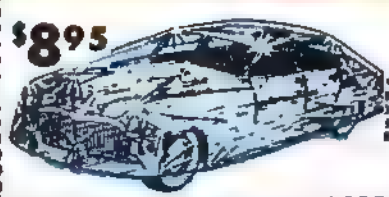

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how the Boonetown sheriff had handled his problem, it seemed as if every time the subject came up at dinner and afterwards, Mrs. Wilson would interrupt the discussion by asking Chauncey some silly question about what the ladies in Chicago were wearing now, or did he know of any place where she could get bonnets from Paris, France. Ten o'clock rolled round before the sheriff knew it, and as good-byes were being said at the door, Sheriff Wilson was stunned and surprised to see that Chauncy actually bent down and kissed his wife's hand before getting into his wagon and driving off!

That night, after Van Smythe left, Sarah Wilson insisted that her husband drive her into Butte that very week to see some new-fangled invention that Chauncey had told them about. "Can't seem to get any time at all," the sheriff bitterly remarked, "to take up really important matters around here!"

The next day, when he tried to round up his deputies again for another meeting, he found that the subject of conversation was not the rustlers, but a few head of fine horses that could be bought in the next county for only a few dollars.

"It don't seem fittin' nor proper," Deputy Wade explained, "to be ridin' around town on an old cayuse, when there are real fine cow-ponies waitin' for us right over the county line!"

"And besides," Deputy Shaft retorted somewhat sorrowfully, "that Van Smythe feller's duds look real fancy, and I'm fixin' to get myself a new outfit too."

"Hmmm," the sheriff finally admitted, "that Chauncey sure knows where to get a lot of things. Now listen to what he was tellin' Sarah and me just last night..."

Mrs. Wilson was overjoyed and very surprised that same afternoon when her husband came home and told her that there was no use getting dinner that night, because he and a bunch of deputies were going over to Crocket County to "find out about a few things that Chauncey had told them about." The men left that very night from the sheriff's office in town, and the whole population followed their dust trail down the road, hoping they'd see some new and wonderful things reported to them all by Mr. Van Smythe.

The sun had hardly come up over the mountains the next morning when the town was awakened by the biggest whooping and hollering it had ever known. Every deputy was riding back into town with Sheriff Wilson at their head, but instead of bringing back a new string of horses and the finery that their women were waiting to see, they had another kind of cargo in tow. Attached to every deputy's saddle rope was a downcast rustler, and a hush fell over the staring crowds when they saw that attached to Sheriff Wilson's lariat was a dirty, mud-splattered Chauncey R. DePew Van Smythe!

"He don't look very fancy now, does he, folks?" the sheriff shouted. He looked down at a very miserable Van Smythe and laughed loud and long. "Just about fancy enough to occupy the very best suite in the jailhouse... reserved especially for the slickest rustler Lone Gulch ever saw, with enough extra rooms to put up all his gentlemen-in-waiting too!"

"Yep," the sheriff told his wife later, "that Chauncey fella sure was surprised when we ambushed him and his rustlin' gang on Brady's south ridge! I guess he didn't figure us hicks out here were very smart, but we sure showed him a few city tricks he didn't know before."

Deputy Wade answered, "The sheriff got us boys together yesterday afternoon, just as we were about to ride after that bootmaker o' his, and explained that Chauncey wanted us to do *just that!*"

"With all the men gone," the sheriff continued, "gallivantin' after fine fixin's for themselves and their women, that would leave the territory unprotected for Van Smythe and his gang to move right in on the prize steers. And it didn't take much figurin' to play right along with him, until he thought we were all gone, then just naturally wait for him up by Brady's ridge until we caught 'im cold!"

Mrs. Wilson's eyes smiled proudly at her husband, and as she turned to all the other women, she said, "Well, I guess it takes more than fancy clothes and talk to make a real smart man. I guess the smartest one in this town is right here in denim and buckskin!"

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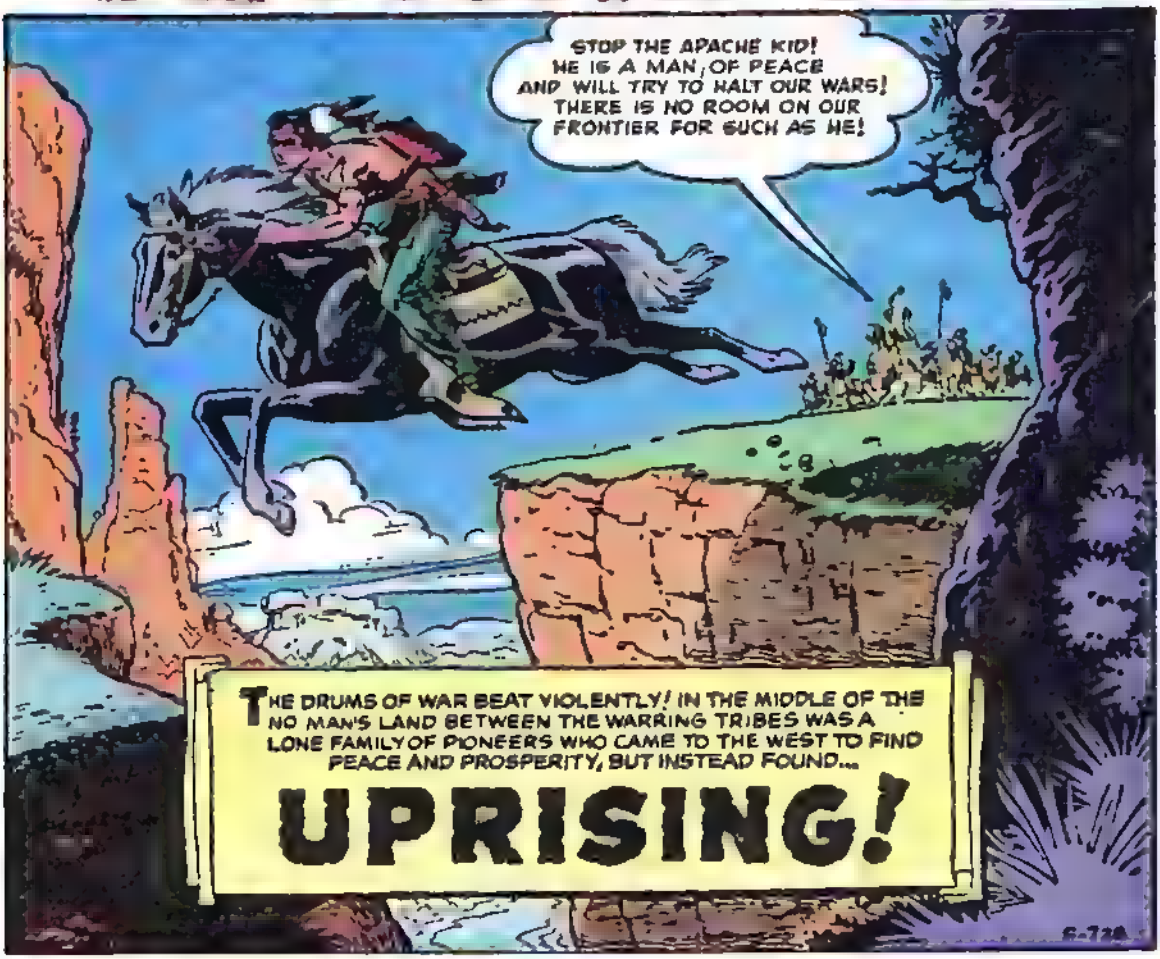
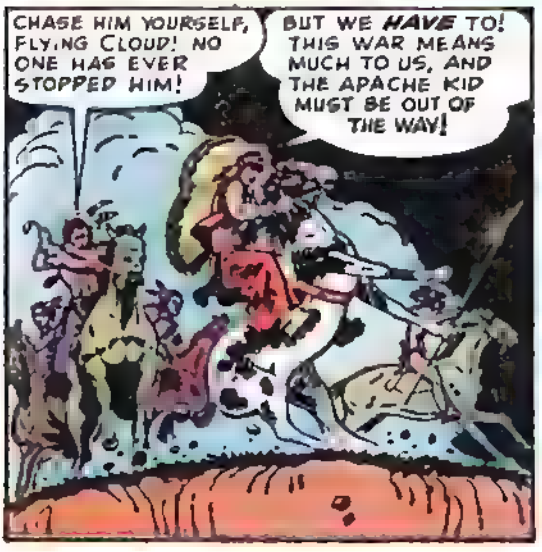
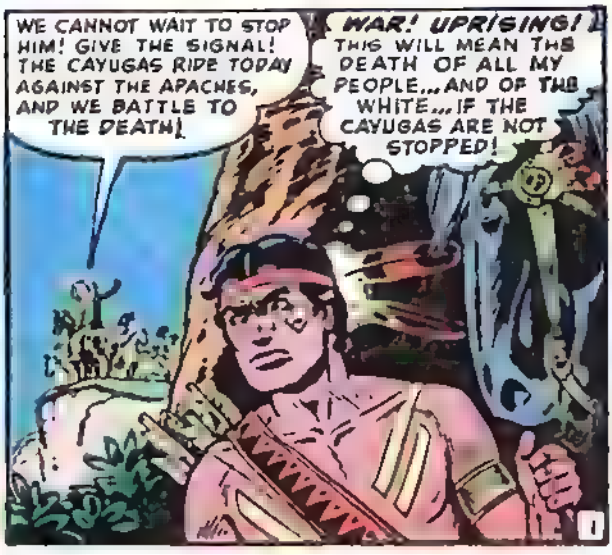
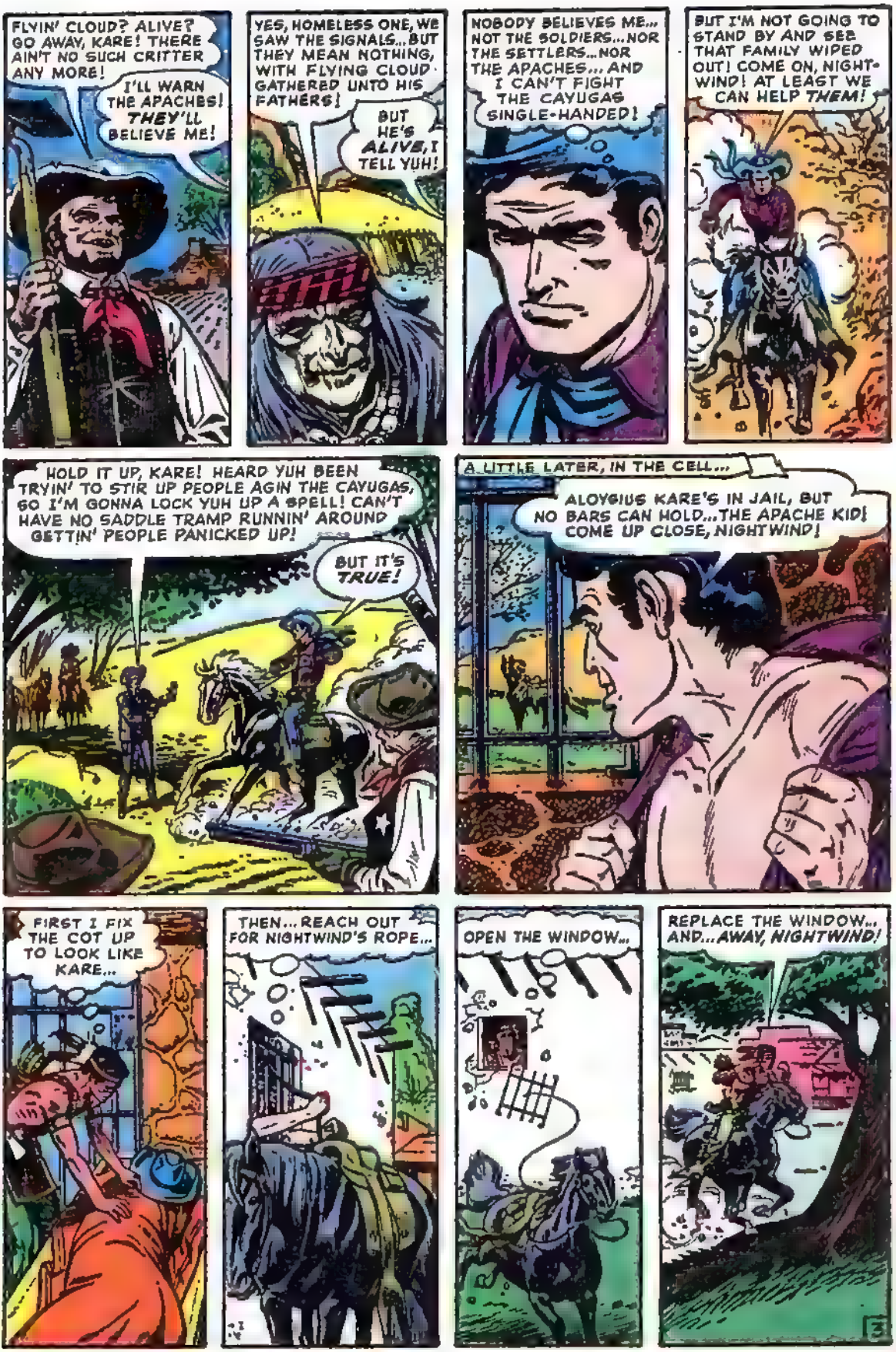
THE APACHE KID


STOP THE APACHE KID! HE IS A MAN OF PEACE AND WILL TRY TO HALT OUR WARS! THERE IS NO ROOM ON OUR FRONTIER FOR SUCH AS HE!
THE DRUMS OF WAR BEAT VIOLENTLY! IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NO MAN'S LAND BETWEEN THE WARRING TRIBES WAS A LONE FAMILY OF PIONEERS WHO CAME TO THE WEST TO FIND PEACE AND PROSPERITY, BUT INSTEAD FOUND...
UPRISING!


CHASE HIM YOURSELF, FLYING CLOUD! NO ONE HAS EVER STOPPED HIM!
BUT WE HAVE TO! THIS WAR MEANS MUCH TO US, AND THE APACHE KID MUST BE OUT OF THE WAY!


WE CANNOT WAIT TO STOP HIM! GIVE THE SIGNAL! THE CAYUGAS RIDE TODAY AGAINST THE APACHES, AND WE BATTLE TO THE DEATH!
WAR! UPRISING! THIS WILL MEAN THE DEATH OF ALL MY PEOPLE... AND OF THE WHITE... IF THE CAYUGAS ARE NOT STOPPED!

A SHORT TIME LATER...
THE CAYUGAS WILL ALL BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR THE APACHE KID, SO I'LL TRAVEL AS ALOYSIUS KARE FOR A SPELL! THERE'S A LONE WAGON TRAVELIN' RIGHT INTO INJUN TERRITORY!
HOWDY, PARDNER! NAME'S ALOYSIUS KARE AN' I WANT TO WARN YUH...THERE'S INJUN TROUBLE WHERE YORE HEADIN'! THEY'RE FIXIN' TO MAKE WAR ON EACH OTHER! YUH BETTER TURN BACK!
THEY TOLD ME THERE WAS NO INJUN TROUBLE AT ALL ANY MORE, AN' I'M GOIN' ON!
INJUNS? OH, BOY!
IT'S NOT THAT EXCITIN', SON, WHEN THE ARROWS FLY! YUH GOT A NICE FAMILY, PARDNER —YUH BETTER GO BACK!
THE AUTHORITIES SAID THE APACHES AND CAYUGAS SIGNED A PEACE PACT AFTER FLYIN' CLOUD WAS KILLED!
FLYING CLOUD IS ALIVE... AND HE'S COME BACK TO LEAD HIS CAYUGAS AGAINST THE APACHES! YUH'LL BE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MASSACRE, AND... WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A GUN, MISTER!
I DUNNO WHAT REASON YUH GOT FER KEEPIN' US FROM GOIN' WEST, BUT IF YUH DON'T GIT OUTA MY WAY...
ALL RIGHT! HAVE IT YOUR WAY... BUT I WARNED YUH!
AND AS THE WAGON GOES ON AHEAD, KEEN EYES CATCH THE SMOKE OF DISTANT FIRES ALONG THE MOUNTAIN TOPS...
IT'S THE SIGNAL FOR WAR! IT'S BEGUN! I'D BETTER WARN THE TROOPS AT THE POST!
BUT HERE KARE GETS THE SAME RESPONSE TO HIS WARNING!
FLYING CLOUD ALIVE AND LEADING THE CAYUGAS AGAINST THE APACHES? KARE, YOU'VE BEEN OUT IN THE SUN TOO LONG! I KILLED THAT OUT-LAW MYSELF!
BUT I TELL YUH... OH, WHAT'S THE USE! MEBBE I KIN GIT THE SETTLERS TO BELIEVE ME!


FLYIN' CLOUD? ALIVE? GO AWAY, KARE! THERE AIN'T NO SUCH CRITTER ANY MORE!
I'LL WARN THE APACHES! THEY'LL BELIEVE ME!
YES, HOMELESS ONE, WE SAW THE SIGNALS... BUT THEY MEAN NOTHING, WITH FLYING CLOUD GATHERED UNTO HIS FATHERS!
BUT HE'S ALIVE, I TELL YUH!
NOBODY BELIEVES ME... NOT THE SOLDIERS... NOR THE SETTLERS... NOR THE APACHES... AND I CAN'T FIGHT THE CAYUGAS SINGLE-HANDED!
BUT I'M NOT GOING TO STAND BY AND SEE THAT FAMILY WIPED OUT! COME ON, NIGHTWIND! AT LEAST WE CAN HELP THEM!
HOLD IT UP, KARE! HEARD YUH BEEN TRYIN' TO STIR UP PEOPLE AGIN THE CAYUGAS, SO I'M GONNA LOCK YUH UP A SPELL! CAN'T HAVE NO SADDLE TRAMP RUNNIN' AROUND GETTIN' PEOPLE PANICKED UP!
BUT IT'S TRUE!
A LITTLE LATER, IN THE CELL...
ALOYSIUS KARE'S IN JAIL, BUT NO BARS CAN HOLD... THE APACHE KID! COME UP CLOSE, NIGHTWIND!
FIRST I FIX THE COT UP TO LOOK LIKE KARE...
THEN... REACH OUT FOR NIGHTWIND'S ROPE...
OPEN THE WINDOW...
REPLACE THE WINDOW... AND... AWAY, NIGHTWIND!
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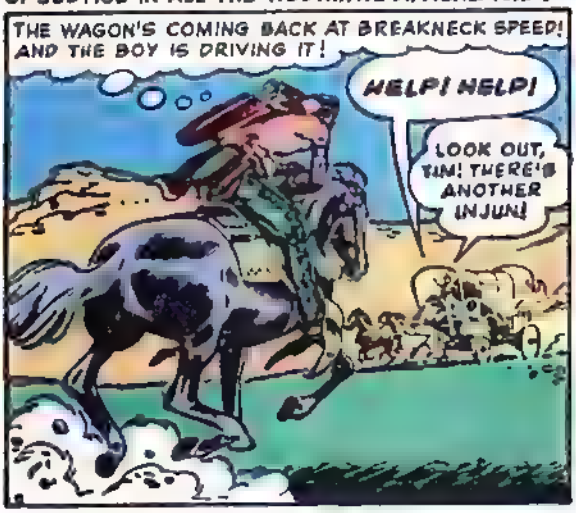
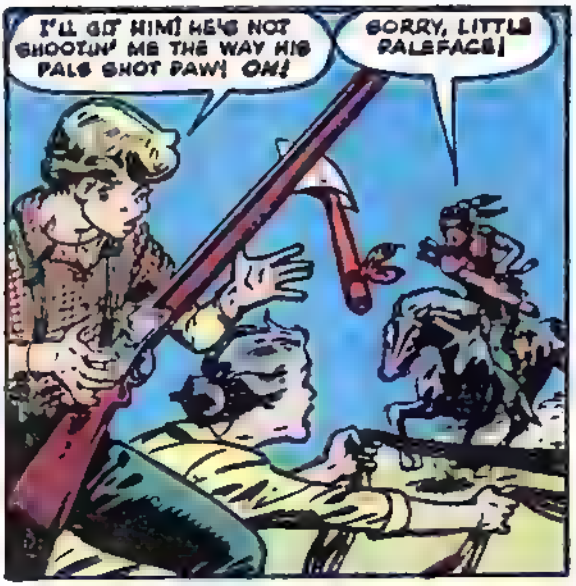
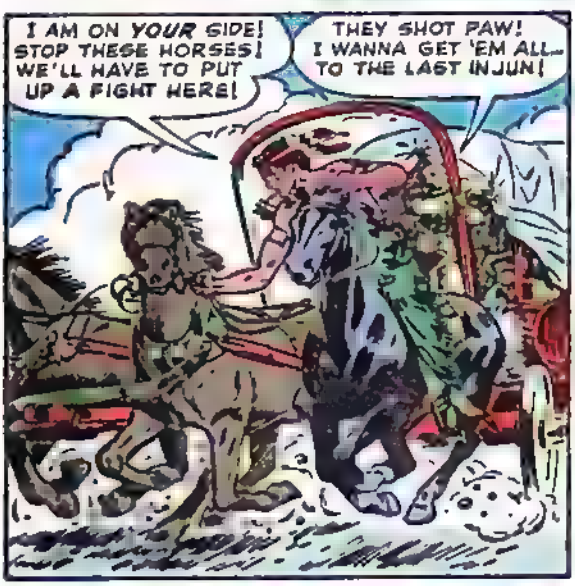
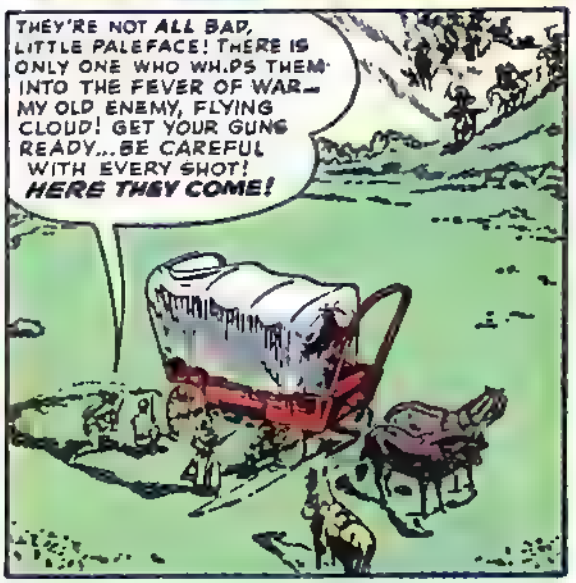
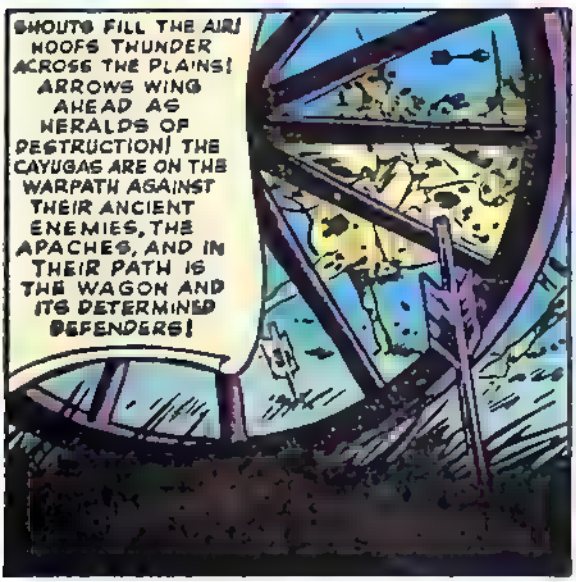
ONE MAN AGAINST A WHOLE TRIBE OF SAVAGES, BUT THAT ONE MAN IS THE MOST FEARLESS CHAMPION OF JUSTICE IN ALL THE WEST...*THE APACHE KID!*

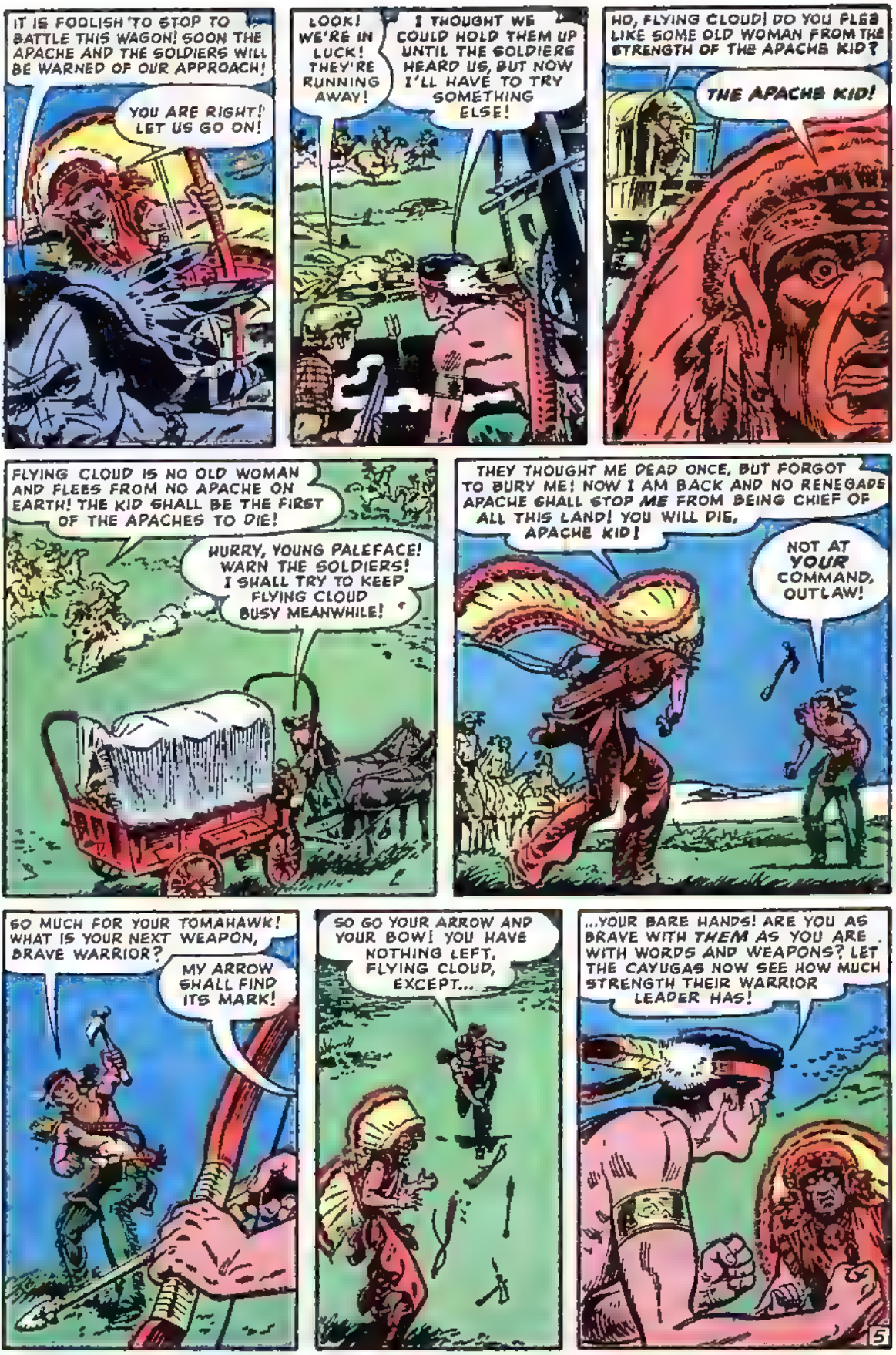







THEY'RE NOT *ALL* BAD, LITTLE PALEFACE! THERE IS ONLY ONE WHO WHIPS THEM INTO THE FEVER OF WAR... MY OLD ENEMY, FLYING CLOUD! GET YOUR GUNS READY...BE CAREFUL WITH EVERY SHOT! *HERE THEY COME!*


SHOUTS FILL THE AIR! HOOFS THUNDER ACROSS THE PLAINS! ARROWS WING AHEAD AS HERALDS OF DESTRUCTION! THE CAYUGAS ARE ON THE WARPATH AGAINST THEIR ANCIENT ENEMIES, THE APACHES, AND IN THEIR PATH IS THE WAGON AND ITS DETERMINED DEFENDERS!


IT IS FOOLISH TO STOP TO BATTLE THIS WAGON! SOON THE APACHE AND THE SOLDIERS WILL BE WARNED OF OUR APPROACH!
YOU ARE RIGHT! LET US GO ON!
LOOK! WE'RE IN LUCK! THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY!
I THOUGHT WE COULD HOLD THEM UP UNTIL THE SOLDIERS HEARD US, BUT NOW I'LL HAVE TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE!
HO, FLYING CLOUD! DO YOU FLEE LIKE SOME OLD WOMAN FROM THE STRENGTH OF THE APACHE KID?
THE APACHE KID!
FLYING CLOUD IS NO OLD WOMAN AND FLEES FROM NO APACHE ON EARTH! THE KID SHALL BE THE FIRST OF THE APACHES TO DIE!
HURRY, YOUNG PALEFACE! WARN THE SOLDIERS! I SHALL TRY TO KEEP FLYING CLOUD BUSY MEANWHILE!
THEY THOUGHT ME DEAD ONCE, BUT FORGOT TO BURY ME! NOW I AM BACK AND NO RENEGADE APACHE SHALL STOP ME FROM BEING CHIEF OF ALL THIS LAND! YOU WILL DIE, APACHE KID!
NOT AT YOUR COMMAND, OUTLAW!
SO MUCH FOR YOUR TOMAHAWK! WHAT IS YOUR NEXT WEAPON, BRAVE WARRIOR?
MY ARROW SHALL FIND ITS MARK!
SO GO YOUR ARROW AND YOUR BOW! YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT, FLYING CLOUD, EXCEPT...
...YOUR BARE HANDS! ARE YOU AS BRAVE WITH THEM AS YOU ARE WITH WORDS AND WEAPONS? LET THE CAYUGAS NOW SEE HOW MUCH STRENGTH THEIR WARRIOR LEADER HAS!
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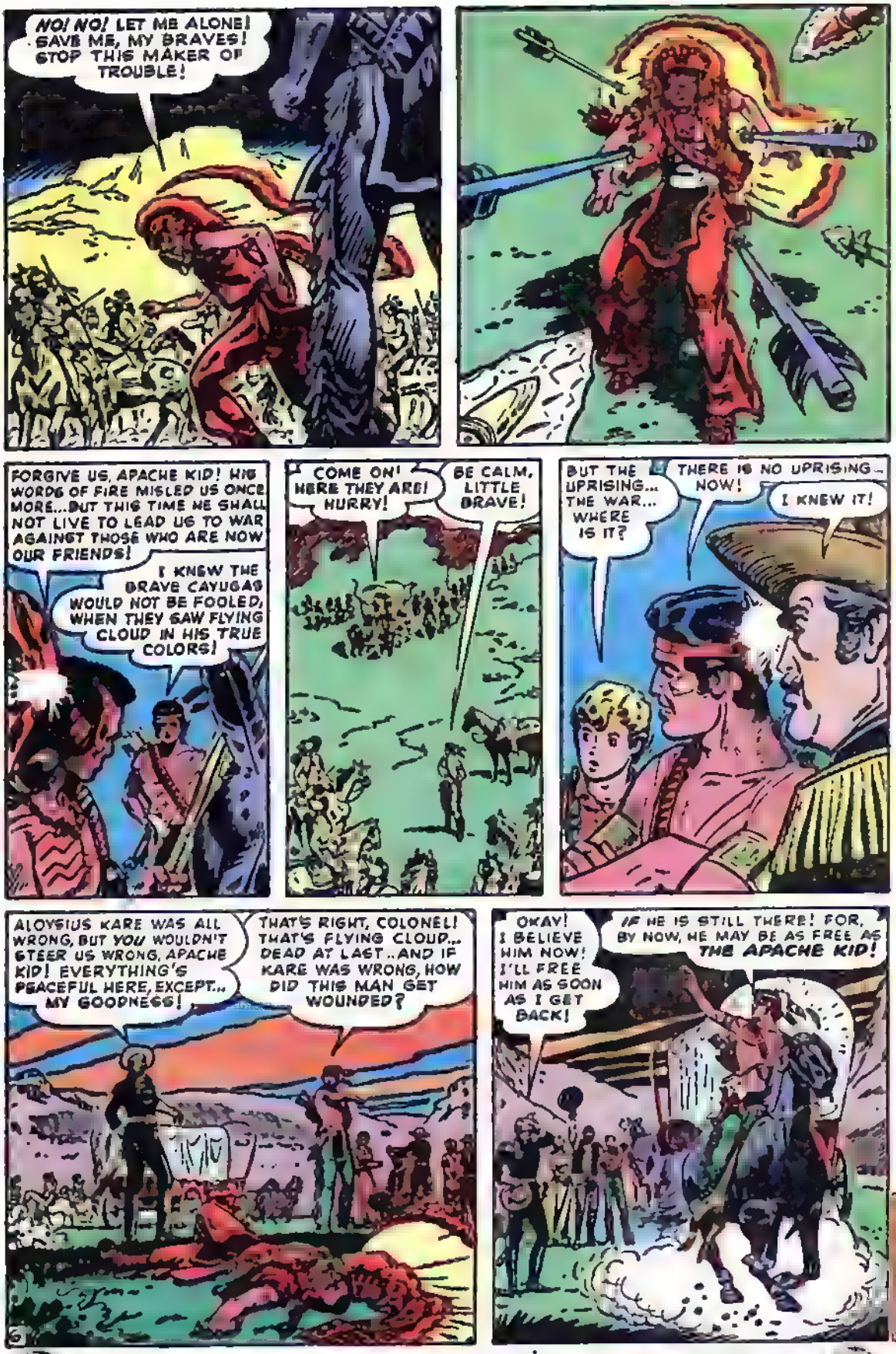
NO! NO! LET ME ALONE! SAVE ME, MY BRAVES! STOP THIS MAKER OF TROUBLE!
FORGIVE US, APACHE KID! HIS WORDS OF FIRE MISLED US ONCE MORE...BUT THIS TIME HE SHALL NOT LIVE TO LEAD US TO WAR AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE NOW OUR FRIENDS!
I KNEW THE BRAVE CAYUGAS WOULD NOT BE FOOLED, WHEN THEY SAW FLYING CLOUD IN HIS TRUE COLORS!
COME ON! HERE THEY ARE! HURRY!
BE CALM, LITTLE BRAVE!
BUT THE UPRISING... THE WAR... WHERE IS IT?
THERE IS NO UPRISING... NOW!
I KNEW IT!
ALOYSIUS KARE WAS ALL WRONG, BUT YOU WOULDN'T STEER US WRONG, APACHE KID! EVERYTHING'S PEACEFUL HERE, EXCEPT... MY GOODNESS!
THAT'S RIGHT, COLONEL! THAT'S FLYING CLOUD... DEAD AT LAST..AND IF KARE WAS WRONG, HOW DID THIS MAN GET WOUNDED?
OKAY! I BELIEVE HIM NOW! I'LL FREE HIM AS SOON AS I GET BACK!
IF HE IS STILL THERE! FOR, BY NOW, HE MAY BE AS FREE AS THE APACHE KID!

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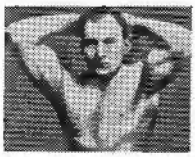

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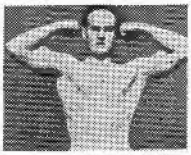

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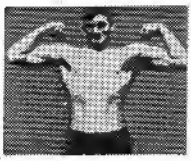

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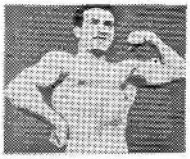

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That amazing ingredient in Kelpidine candy is the most remarkable discovery for fat people ever made. It's been tested by doctors in test-after-test. The results were far better than doctors ever hoped for! The results were reported in medical journals throughout the world! Doctors are invited to write for details.

HERE'S HOW TO REDUCE AND STAY SLIM!

Most people are fat because of overeating—too much high calorie fattening foods—to your amazement you will want to keep on eating this delicious candy even after you have reduced to the weight that most becomes you and you'll *keep your weight off that way!*

AMAZING DISCOVERY OF SCIENCE!

The Kelpidine Candy plan is the result of scientific research for years for a new discovery for something that will stop your craving for fattening food and also satisfy your appetite. This delicious candy does not turn into ugly fat, it gives you the same feeling of fullness you have after you have eaten a satisfying meal. It kills your desire to overeat—it kills your craving for bedtime snacks and for in-between meal snacks. It's so safe even a child can take it without bad effects. With Kelpidine Candy all you taste is its deliciousness—you can't tell the difference!

IT'S UNHEALTHY TO BE FAT!

Insurance companies and doctors tell everyone that too much fat shortens your life! Fat people die years sooner than people with normal weight! So be Safe! Be Fair to yourself! Start taking off ugly fat with delicious tasting Kelpidine Candy plan!

KELPIDINE CANDY IS DIFFERENT!

The amazing clinical *tested* and proven reducing substance contained in Kelpidine Candy is prescribed by many doctors—Don't be misled by imitation products—Kelpidine Candy is the result of scientific research and is the last word in Reducing.

DON'T CUT OUT FOODS** CUT DOWN ON CALORIES!

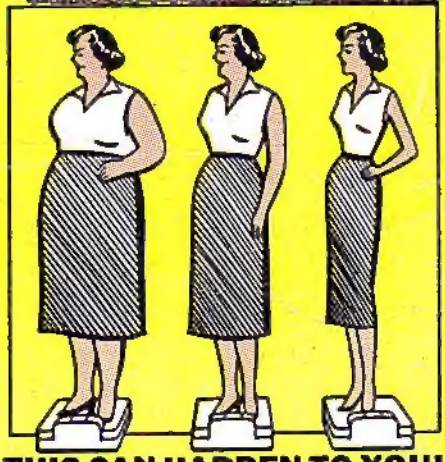
You never starve, you always feel full with Kelpidine Candy plan—You'll never suffer hunger pangs—Your desire for high calorie fattening foods is always satisfied! With Kelpidine Candy Plan you eat the same quantity of foods—you merely cut down on the high calorie rich foods with the help of Kelpidine Candy. You eat as much as you want, your calorie intake will be *less*—That's the delightful amazing thing!

YOU GET A LIBERAL SUPPLY OF CANDY!

Try the liberal supply of Kelpidine Candy Plan on our 10-day *no risk offer*. Keep a record of your weight—if you are not pleased with your loss of weight; if you can taste any difference between this candy and your favorite candy—return for refund. Just fill out coupon and mail to AMERICAN HEALTHAIDS CO., Dept. K-242 Candy Division, 318 Market St., Newark, New Jersey.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

You must be entirely satisfied with your loss of weight—This candy must taste as good as or better than your favorite candy—You must get rid of dangerous excess fat or your money will be refunded—Don't delay—You have nothing to lose but excess weight so mail coupon below now!



THIS CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!

WITH THIS DELICIOUS REDUCING CANDY PLAN!

Let this delicious candy plan help you control your desire for fattening food! Let it help you put a stop to the habit of overeating—A habit that's so hard to break! Kelpidine candy contains that new discovery many doctors prescribe to help curb your desire to overeat (the main cause of overweight).

$1.00 TRIAL SIZE!

CUT OUT AND MAIL—NO-RISK COUPON NOW!

AMERICAN HEALTHAIDS COMPANY, Dept. K-242
Candy Division,
318 Market Street, Newark, New Jersey

- ☐ I enclose $1.00, send trial size, postage pre-paid!
- ☐ Rush a *Liberal Supply* of Kelpidine Candy plan. I enclose $3.00, send postage pre-paid. (I save up to 75c postage by sending payment with order.)
- ☐ Rush a *Large Economy Supply* of Kelpidine Candy. I enclose $5.00, send postage pre-paid. (I save up to 90c postage by sending payment with order.)

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